

Weekly Weather Crop Report

Week Ending August 31, 1997

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending August 31, 1997. The main farming activities for the week were preparing farm machinery for harvesting, and harvesting hay and corn. Soil moisture conditions were rated 5 percent very short, 40 percent short, 53 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1996	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Dent	96	93	100	98	2	6	22	58	12
	Mature	84	64	89	80					
	Grain Harvested	26	13	36	27					
	Silage Harvested	79	69	89	77					
Cotton	Open Bolls	17	12	74	49	3	6	26	53	12
Rice	Heading	90	82	100	97	0	2	8	71	19
	Mature	20	15	54	48					
	Harvested	4	0	16	13					
Sorghum	Turning Color	90	85	95	93	1	6	25	63	5
	Mature	64	30	84	68					
Soybeans	Blooming	97	95	100	99	2	6	20	57	15
	Setting Pods	90	86	97	91					
	Turning Color	28	21	43	28					
	Shedding Leaves	16	13	26	12					
Watermelons	Harvested	99	96	99	99	---	---	---	---	---
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	85	81	88	---	2	6	25	58	9
Peaches	Harvested	99	98	100	100	---	---	---	---	---
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	4	2	22	20	0	1	19	73	7
Peanuts						0	0	2	97	1
Cattle						1	3	20	62	14
Pasture						1	6	26	57	10

County Agent Comments

"Dry weather is beginning to be stressful on most of our crops. Moisture is needed in order for the commercial vegetable producers to plant the fall crops as well as aid the growth process of already planted vegetables. The final push to harvest hay is continuing."

— Rodger D. Jones, Perry County

"Good weather conditions have helped the boll weevil eradication program keep on schedule with very few problems. The early corn should be dry enough to start harvesting by the middle of this week. Sweetpotato harvesting is progressing, but at a slow pace. Hay harvesting continues to be the major farm activity."

— Ben Harlow, Calhoun County

"Farmers are getting pickers and combines ready for harvest. Worms are beginning to increase, mainly velvetbean caterpillars, in some soybean fields. All of the crops except corn need rain."

— Steve Winters, Grenada County

"Insects in soybeans continue to increase and need treatment. Cotton is maturing at a rapid rate, and producers are busy getting harvesting equipment ready."

— Otis L. Davis, Madison

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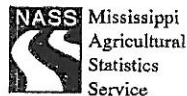
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Weather Summary From August 25, 1997 to August 31, 1997 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	96	58	79			0.00		0	1.06				
Cleveland	95	55	78	78	-1	0.00	-0.64	0	3.48	86	75	80	
Tunica	95	55	78	78	0	0.00	-0.64	0	2.27	86	75	80	
Extreme/Average													
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	95	55	77	77	0	0.00	-0.76	0	4.55	92	70	82	0.22
Memphis	95	61	81	80	+1	0.17	-0.84	1	4.01				
Oxford	93	58	78	78	-1	0.00	-0.67	0	6.66				
Extreme/Average	95	55	78	78	0	0.06	-0.69	0	5.07	92	70	82	0.22
3. Northeast													
Booneville	90	58	77	78	-1	0.00	-0.58	0	4.99				
Corinth	97	61	80	78	+2	2.25	+1.75	1	6.14				
Iuka													
Pontotoc	93	58	78	78	0	0.01	-0.60	1	5.18	90	73	83	0.25
Tupelo	93	60	78	79	0	0.91	+0.16	1	4.84				
Verona	95	59	78			0.00		0	1.56	94	71	84	0.24
Extreme/Average	97	58	78	78	0	0.63	+0.02	1	4.54	94	71	83	0.24
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	96	61	80	81	-1	0.00	-0.64	0	7.17	100	79	91	
Greenwood	94	57	78	80	-3	0.01	-0.47	1	2.91				
Rolling Fork	97	57	78			0.00	-0.72	0	1.60	101	82	92	0.25
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	96	63	79	81	-2	0.00	-0.71	0	3.91				
Extreme/Average	97	57	79	81	-2	0.00	-0.64	0	3.90	101	79	92	0.25
5. Central													
Carthage	94	57	65	79	-15	0.00	-0.59	0	4.63				
Jackson	94	59	79	80	-1	0.00	-0.60	0	5.02				
Winona	92	54	74	77	-4	0.00	-0.82	0	3.10				
Extreme/Average	94	54	73	79	-6	0.00	-0.60	0	4.25				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.00	-0.40	0	5.13				
Columbus	95	61	81			0.00		0	3.88				
State University	95	55	78	79	-1	0.00	-0.47	0	2.96	92	68	81	
Extreme/Average	95	55	79	79	0	0.00	-0.44	0	3.99	92	68	81	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	95	61	80			0.00		0	1.68	95	77	86	
Natchez	95	59	79	81	-2	0.00	-0.81	0	1.03				
Oakley	96	55	77			0.00	-0.82	0	6.22	94	74	84	
Vicksburg	94	62	78			0.00		0	4.16				
Extreme/Average	96	55	78	81	-2	0.00	-0.82	0	3.27	95	74	85	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	95	61	79	80	-1	0.00	-0.98	0	1.79				
McComb	95	63	80	80	+1	0.45	-0.75	2	2.78				
Extreme/Average	95	61	80	80	0	0.23	-0.86	1	2.29				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	99	62	81			0.00		0	0.81	102	74	90	
Hattiesburg	94	61	80	81	-1	0.00	-0.94	0	1.10				
Laurel													
Meridian	95	59	79	80	-1	0.00	-0.39	0	1.34				
Newton	95	59	78	79	-1	0.00	-0.72	0	2.70	90	69	80	0.22
Extreme/Average	99	59	80	80	0	0.00	-0.68	0	1.49	102	69	85	0.22
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	100	61	81			0.05		1	2.27				
Biloxi	95	70	82			0.23		2	2.81				
Gulfport													
Pascagoula	92	62	79	82	-3	0.00	-1.10	0	1.81				
Poplarville	97	67	81	80	+1	0.00	-1.29	0	6.00	99	72	86	0.16
Extreme/Average	100	61	81	81	0	0.07	-1.13	1	3.22	99	72	86	0.16
State	100	54	78	79	-1	0.10	-0.65	0	3.43	102	68	84	0.23

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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